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SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST STAFF GROUP: SOUTH LEBANON: SUMMING UP

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1. REFTEL IS USEFUL SUMMARY OF STATE OF PLAY ACROSS THE
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BOARD. IT ALSO RAISES NUMBER OF QUESTIONS TO WHICH WE HOPE
HAVE FULLER ANSWERS SHORTLY. IN MEANTIME, WE HAVE FOLLOWING
IMMEDIATE OBSERVATIONS.

2. SENDING LEBANESE POLICE TO SOUTH. THIS IS NOT GOING TO BE
EASY. INTERNAL SECURITY FORCES ARE VERY WEAK AND DISORGANIZED.
GENERAL KHOURY DID NOT KNOW WHAT HE WAS TALKING ABOUT IF HE

ACTUALLY SAID THERE WERE NOW 200-300 GENDARMES IN TYRE (JERUSALEM 901). GOVERNOR OF SOUTH LEBANON REPORTS THERE ARE GRAND TOTAL OF 40 IN TYRE DISTRICT, ALTHOUGH MORE ARE PROMISED.

3. SCREENING THE RETURNEES. WE ASSUME UNIFIL'S MANDATE IN THIS RESPECT HAS BEEN OR WILL BE MADE CLEAR TO UNIFIL COMMANDERS. THEY WILL NEED LEBANESE HELP IF THIS IS TO WORK. MEANTIME, ISRAELIS ARE DOING THE JOB. ON WHAT BASIS WOULD UNREGISTERED PALESTINIANS BE EXCLUDED? THERE MUST HAVE BEEN A NUMBER OF INNOCENT CIVILIAN PALESTINIANS UNREGISTERED WITH UNRWA LIVING IN THE TYRE DISTRICT, OR SOUTH OF IT. QUESTION OF CRITERIA FOR EXCLUSION NEEDS STUDY. STUDENTS SHOULD KEEP IN MIND PROLIFERATION OF FALSE ID CARDS. NO FOREIGNERS, EXCEPT PERHAPS ISRAELIS, CAN BE EXPECTED TO COPE WITH THAT ASPECT OF LEBANESE GENIUS.

4. GUARDING THE LITANI. WE HAVE EXPRESSED ELSEWHERE OUR DOUBTS THAT UNIFIL AND LEBANESE ARMY CAN CONTROL LITANI CROSSINGS TO THE

EXTENT DEPARTMENT APPARENTLY HOPES THEY CAN. GEN. KHOURY NOW TALKS, HOWEVER, AS THOUGH HE MEANS TO MAKE A REAL TRY.

5. UN POLICE FORCE. NOT HAVING EXPERIENCE WITH HOW IT HAS WORKED ON CYPRUS, WE CANNOT PREDICT HOW IT WOULD WORK HERE, BUT MIT MIGHT BE WORTH A TRY. WE NEED MORE INFORMATION ON NATURE OF SUCH A FORCE, HOWEVER, BEFORE MAKING MORE DETAILED COMMENTS. WOULD IT BE INDEPENDENT FORCE? HOW LARGE? HOW WOULD IT BE ARMED? WHAT
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FUNCTIONS WOULD IT PERFORM? ETC.

5. DATT NOW CONFIRMS THAT KHOURY NOW PLANS FOR LEBANESE FORCES TO JOIN UNIFIL ALONG LITANI AS REPORTED JERUSALEM'S 907. THIS IS PROBABLY WISER THAN TRYING TO PUT THEM ALONG SOUTHERN BORDER.

6. FOR CONVENIENCE IN REFERRAL, TRADITIONAL LOCAL TERMINOLOGY FOR AREA BETWEEN ZAHRANI AND LITANI IS IQLIM AT-TUFFAH, OR REGION OF THE APPLE, EVEN THOUGH FEW ARE GROWN THERE.
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